## FILLING IN FORT MONROE RESERVATION, VIRGINIA.

## LETTER

FROM

## THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF WAR, SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR FILLING IN FORT MONROE RESERVATION.

January 10, 1902.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,

Washington, January 9, 1902.

Sir: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, a copy of a communication from the Secretary of War, of the 7th instant, submitting an estimate of appropriation for filling in Fort Monroe Reservation, Virginia, \$160,000.

Respectfully,

L. J. GAGE, Secretary.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, January 7, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to forward herewith, for transmission to Congress, a supplemental estimate (\$160,000) of appropriation "Filling in Fort Monroe Reservation," required by the War Department for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903.

Very respectfully,

ELIHU ROOT,
Secretary of War.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

Office of the Chief of Engineers,
United States Army,
Washington, January 4, 1902.

Sir: In pursuance of the approval of the Secretary of War, contained in his indorsement of December 26, 1901, on a communication recommending certain changes in the arrangement of the armament of Fort Monroe, Va., I have the honor to submit an estimate of \$160,000 for filling in a portion of the reservation at that fort, and constructing necessary retaining walls, duly prepared for transmission to Congress.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

G. L. GILLESPIE,
Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers,
U. S. Army.

Hon. ELIHU ROOT, Secretary of War.

Supplemental estimates of appropriations required for the service of the fiscal year ending June 30, 1903, by the Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.

## FORTIFICATIONS AND OTHER WORKS OF DEFENSE.

Filling in Fort Monroe Reservation:

Note.—It is proposed to raise a triangular space north of the fort—now low and marshy—to a height above overflow by storm tides, thus reclaiming and making available for military uses an area of about 31½ acres of land. This increased area is needed for various military purposes, such as a drill ground, for which no space of sufficient area exists on the reservation at present, and a suitable camping ground, which is now lacking. It will also afford a much wider area of firm ground at the sites to which some of the gun emplacements are to be transferred under the approval of the Secretary of War, dated December 26, 1901. The material to be pumped ashore to form the fill would be taken largely from the flats of Mill Creek, thereby, by deepening the water of that creek, contributing to the sanitary improvement of the locality.—G. S. Gillespie, Brig. Gen., Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army.